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SUBJECT: LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT AND NIGERIA

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- 1. NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR SANU AND MINISTER OBE MET APRIL 8 WITH JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS TO GO OVER PORTIONS OF DRAFT EXCHANGE AGREEMENT FOR WHICH FMG HAD ASKED SANU TO SEEK CLARIFICATION. THEY WERE GIVEN COPIES OF AGREEMENT ACTUALLY SIGNED WITH ITALY.
- 2. MOST IMPORTANT QUESTIONS RAISED BY SANU INVOLVED (A) RIGHT OF LAW-ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS OF COUNTRY A TO SIT IN ON INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED IN COUNTRY A BY OFFICIALS OF COUNTRY B, AND (B) STATUS OF AD HOC COMMISSION OF INQUIRY IF RPT IF SUCH A BODY CHOSEN BY FMG TO INVESTIGATE LOCKHEED. DISCUSSION CLARIFIED THAT AN AGREEMENT WOULD REQUIRE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY, LIKE PERMANENT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, TO PROTECT ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM USG UNTIL CHARGES ACTUALLY FILED AGAINST INDIVIDUAL OR CORPORLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ATION. COMMISSION HEARINGS WOULD HAVE TO BE SECRET ONLY

WHEN INFORMATION FROM USG IS BEING PRESENTED.

- 3. AT ONE POINT, SANU ASKED IF IN FACT DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE POSSESSES HARD INFORMATION ON LOCKHEED TRANSACTIONS IN NIGERIA. ANSWER WAS NEGATIVE, BUT WHATEVER IS NOW IN POSSESSION OF SEC WOULD BE OBTAINED BY DEPARTMENT ORDER AND IMMEDIATELY TRANSMITTED TO FMG AS SOON AS AGREEMENT SIGNED, AND CHURCH COMMITTEE WOULD BE REQUESTED TO HAND OVER ITS INFORMATION.
- 4. AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT AT END OF MEETING WAS QUOTE NOW WE'LL SEE IF WE CAN SIGN AN AGREEMENT UNQUOTE. OBVIOUSLY HE INTENDS REPORT RESULTS OF MEETING TO LAGOS AND AWAIT INSTRUCTIONS.
- 5. FYI, WASHINGTON POST REPORTED APRIL 9 THAT (A) LOCK-HEED AGREED APRIL 8 TO GIVE THE CHURCH SUBCOMMITTEE FULL INFORMATION ABOUT QUESTIONABLE PAYMENTS OVERSEAS, INCLUDING NAMES OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AND (B) TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON REVEALED THAT LOCKHEED WILL PERMIT GOVERNMENT AUDITORS TO STUDY PAYMENT RECORDS AND THAT A GAO TEAM HAS BEEN SENT TO LOCKHEED HEADQUARTERS CALIFORNIA. END FYI.

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